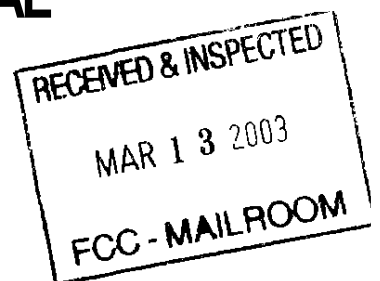


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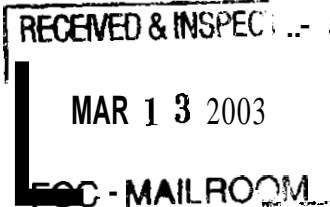
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P.S. My special thanks to you for being the only commissioner who appears to realize the implications. Thank you for your support of a democratic media!!

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